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Minister of National Defense, by
Marshal Rodyon Malinovsky

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1. According to two officers of the General Staff, Marshal Rodyon Malinovsky recently arrived in Bucharest to preside over a conference of Rumanian general officers. After the conference, Malinovsky expressed his dissatisfaction with the level of technical preparation of Rumanian general officers and thereafter went into conference with Minister Emil Bodnăras and Iosif Chisenevski.
2. At this second conference Malinovsky rebuked Bodnăras, telling him that an army led by such nonentities could not be depended upon. In case of war he (Malinovsky) preferred good strategy above all. As a result of this conference, officers without technical qualifications who have been advanced in grade and those given promotions for political reasons will be replaced by former officers of the General Staff recalled to active duty. These old officers, since they are not pro-Communist, will be surrounded by political officers.

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